

DPD 3459-61

5 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Air Support Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Status of Helicopter Capability in Laos

25X1A REFERENCE : a. [] 7409 (IN 13698), Dated 20 May 1961
b. [] 4627 (IN 14996), Dated 24 May 1961

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1. Mr. Bissell has asked [] to have us review to two referenced cables, and in company with FE and [] to come up with a position for or against [] takeover of helicopter operations at []

2. I have discussed this with Colonel Beerli, who agreed that the first step was to ask you to review the situation and to give us an ASB recommendation. Would you be good enough to do this? As a matter of interest, I mentioned this subject to [] 1 June but immediately backed away from it when he began a soliloquy about how terribly complicated this whole problem was and how it required careful examination by experts, etc.

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